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To: Governor Ronnie Musgrove

Tracy Hansen should not be put to death because he couldn't afford a better lawyer and the state only recently discovered the unfairness of the prior system of capital representation. No standards were in place when Tracy was on trial.

All over the country, the death penalty is being re-examined because of the unfair way it is applied. Since Mississippi has not applied the death penalty in more than 13 years, I request that you please consider clemency in this case, where the representation was less than adequate. The attorney had been practicing for less than five years when he was appointed to this case and had never tried a death penalty case. In addition the attorney admitted after trial that he did not begin preparing for the penalty phase until AFTER the guilt phase ended.

Respectfully,
Selma Sabah